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Local man awarded Distinguished Flying Cross



Lt. Gen. Leslie F. Kenne, Electronic Systems Center commander, speaks during a ceremony Wednesday in which Morris W. Larkin, sitting next to podium, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his actions during World War II.

photo by Master Sgt. Daryl Mayer

by Master Sgt. Daryl Mayer
ESC Public Affairs

Morris W. Larkin of Marblehead, Mass., was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his actions during the Second World War by Lt. Gen. Leslie F. Kenne, Electronic Systems Center commander, in a ceremony Wednesday in front of Bldg. 1606.

Then-Sergeant Larkin flew 33 missions as a tail gunner in a B-24 Liberator bomber in the European theater from April 24, 1944 until August 13, 1944.

Immediately after the war, most of the crewmembers of Mr. Larkin's plane received their medals, however, bureaucratic errors prevented Mr. Larkin from receiving his award.

"Though for over 55 years a series of paperwork errors has delayed the rightful recognition of Sergeant Larkin's actions in World War II," remarked General Kenne during the ceremony, "today we recognize a true American hero."

After receiving the award, a very humble Mr. Larkin thanked everyone in attendance.

"It's nice that he can get it while he can still see the green grass," said his wife of 51 years, Elaine.

Mr. Larkin was also admittedly proud that his daughter, Wendy Palombo of Boxford, Mass., and his grandson, Randy Gould of Nashua, N.H., were in attendance.

Over the years, his fellow crewmembers did not forget his wartime deeds. His pilot, John Milliken from Sacramento, Calif., kept writing letters on Mr. Larkin's behalf. Despite repeated setbacks, they kept on trying.

"But they told me my records were lost in a

fire at the records center in St. Louis," said Mr. Larkin.

Finally, Mr. Larkin got through to someone who told him the problem was they didn't have any record of his discharge. "I just sent them a copy of my papers and they sent me a letter of apology," he said.

Fighting through the red tape might seem daunting to some, but it pales in comparison to Mr. Larkin's wartime exploits.

In a plane they named "Passion Pit" after a bar outside Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., Mr. Larkin and his fellow crewmembers repeatedly flew over enemy territory until they were shot down in the summer of 1944.

"When I think back about it I shudder, reflecting on all the close calls that I had," said Mr. Larkin.

Little more than 60 days past the landings in Normandy, the Allies had managed to bottle up the bulk of the German army. The opportunity for a quick and devastating victory was ripe.

Sensing the danger, the Germans began to beat a hasty retreat, pouring out through an area called the Falais Gap.

That was the target of Passion Pit and the rest of the 44th Bomb Group on August 13, 1944.

"It was a beautiful bright day," Mr. Larkin remembered.

Because of the nature of the target, anti-aircraft fire was expected to be light. "It was supposed to be a milk run," said Mr. Larkin. "Then the next thing I know, 'Bam!' a direct hit in the number one and two engines."

After getting the order to bail out, Mr. Larkin

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Joint Range Extension enjoys success at Roving Sands 2000

by 2nd Lt. Noël Woodstuff
Joint Range Extension Program

Joint Range Extension, a joint program with the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps which is sponsored by the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, deployed to Roving Sands 2000, the world's largest joint theater Air and Missile Defense exercise, at the beginning of June.

At the final "hot wash" briefing June 24, JRE was recognized as a valuable asset leading to the success of the entire exercise in its role as a communications link for moving Tactical Digital Information Link J data beyond line of sight.

The JRE Gateway provides beyond line of sight TADIL J connectivity for theaters in the battlefield via satellite and land lines.

This beyond line of sight link connectivity will result in the reduction of airborne relay platforms. Therefore, AWACS will be able to focus on their primary mission.

Also, the timeslots that were designated for relay func-

tion can be re-allocated for transmission of new track information.

JRE, managed in the Air Force by the Combat Air Forces Command and Control System Program Office and developed by Titan-Eldyne Corporation in San Diego, Calif., went to Roving Sands 2000 to evaluate the effectiveness of the gateway prototype and upgraded Command and Control Processor, which is the Navy's design for JRE, and to refine the requirements and concept of operations for the JRE capability.

The system served as a technology concept demonstration and as back up for the operational TADIL J communication links.

JRE deployed to five sites: Barksdale AFB, La.; Fort Bliss, Texas; Nellis AFB, Nev.; and San Diego, Calif., on the docked USS Constellation and at the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command Center-San Diego Lab.

At Barksdale, the Air Operations Center for the exercise, JRE supported the Joint Interface Control Officer.

During the course of the exercise, JRE became an active

participant at the request of the JICO and successfully provided the main communications link.

As a result, for the first time, "JRE demonstrated to other participating agencies that the JRE Gateway improved battlespace awareness, decision-making capability and situational awareness to 'shooters' by extending TADIL J messages beyond line-of-sight," explained Tech. Sgt. Mark Georgulis, 605th Test Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

These capabilities will allow warfighters to receive near real-time information, which will help in tracking time-critical targets.

During the exercise, many distinguished visitors were able to see the JRE pass live and simulated track data between geographically separated theaters.

At Barksdale and Nellis, both Air Force and Army members operated the JRE and provided feedback to the JRE team with ideas to enhance the operational capability of the prototype.

Joint Range Extension demonstrated its operational uses and looks to the future for meeting the warfighters' needs.

Investing in safety pays the biggest dividend of all

by Karen Edge
San Antonio Air Logistics Center Public Affairs

Kelly AFB, Texas — Helping my husband Jerry pick out a helmet was scary for me. I realized the one we chose could possibly save his life; six months later, it did.

But still, I remembered wondering if spending more money for a better-rated helmet was worth it. Weren't all helmets the same?

We spent hours working with a helmet sales person and getting one that fit snugly. At the time, I was thinking that dish-ing out the cash seemed extravagant.

In the end, we bought the more expensive one. Six months later, I realized it was the best \$600 Jerry and I had ever spent.

Jerry had his motorcycle, and helmet for three months when he totaled his new "toy." After a busy morning at work, I was sitting down to lunch when my boss told me that my husband had been in a serious motorcycle accident.

I'd seen my husband just minutes before and it seemed unreal to me. Before my boss could give me the details my imagination began filling in the blanks.

I thought, "Jerry's dead. He's been in another motorcycle wreck and he's dead. How will I raise our two-year-old son alone? I hope he didn't suffer."

Even though I knew he always wore his helmet and other protective gear, these were the thoughts racing through my mind.

Jerry had "laid" his motorcycle down less than a month earlier. This time I was afraid he wouldn't be as lucky. I had a gut feeling that this time he'd been killed.

When I finally reeled myself in, I listened to what my boss was saying.

"He's groggy, but he's stable," he said. "The doctor said it's a good thing he was wearing a helmet."

Every time Jerry drove off on his motorcycle I knew there was a possibility he wouldn't be coming home again. Now my fears were reality, and I wouldn't believe he was alive until I saw him.

A friend drove me to Wilford Hall Medical Center, where my husband - who was active-duty Air Force at the time — had

been taken by ambulance as a Code 3 patient. It seemed like it took forever to get to the hospital.

The only thing I could think of was the last thing I had told him when I had seen him earlier that day.

"I don't have time to talk to you right now," I said. "We'll talk later."

The words at the time came naturally. Now I was choking on them, wishing I'd have taken the time to listen.

But he already had his helmet on and was sitting on his bike. I hadn't even kissed him goodbye. I'd merely touched his hand and said, "Drive safe." I thought that would be my final memory of us together, and it broke my heart.

The first time he wrecked he was traveling at only 5 miles per hour. He received a concussion, a fractured ankle and tore a lot of ligaments.

He was in front of our base-housing unit, pulling out into traffic on his way to work. On the way to work myself, I walked out just in time to see him sliding under the bike towards a major intersection.

My heart dropped. I choked out his name in a panicked scream as I ran towards him. He got up by himself and instant relief flooded through my body.

I realized that I had left our son Nicholas standing in front of the house. I was torn. Should I bring Nic over here or leave him alone

where he was? Then I thought for now, he's OK where he is and his dad needs me more.

Someone stopped and offered assistance; I don't know why, but we said we were okay, and together Jerry and I lifted the bike. I asked him to sit on the curb and wait, while a neighbor called an ambulance.

I was then able to get my son and bring him over to wait with his father and me until the ambulance came. The same neighbor who called the ambulance then came out to us and took my son into her house until it was all over.

The ambulance left with my husband and, after convincing our son that his

daddy was okay, I took him to day care. When I finally got to the emergency room that morning, the attendants let me go straight back to see my injured husband. He was sitting up on an exam table waiting to see a doctor.

That was then. This time they didn't let me go straight back. They made me wait. The added waiting time gave my imagination the reigns to the unimaginable again.

"I hadn't gotten here in time. He really is dead. It's my fault; I never should have let him get back on that stupid bike," said my inner voice.

I was brought to a complete stand still when I finally saw him. He looked pale, almost yellow. The neck brace and IVs scared me; even though the doctor said the IVs were for morphine and fluids and the brace was just precautionary, they were scary.

But what scared me the most was to see him crying. I'd never seen him cry. When he looked up at me my heart melted, and

"I hadn't gotten here in time. He really is dead. It's my fault; I never should have let him get back on that stupid bike."

the only words that would come to me were, "I love you, and I'm sorry," I whispered, trying to fight back the tears. "I'll always have time to hear you," I promised.

Thanks to his helmet, I was given the chance to learn there is always time for someone

you love. The rest of the day was a blur of doctors and specialists, but he got to go home.

Only six hours after totaling his motorcycle, he was going home. He had a broken collarbone, some really ugly bruises and scrapes, but he was going home with our son and me.

Leaving the hospital, I grabbed the two brown paper bags holding his "personal belongings." It didn't dawn on me then, but later that night when Jerry and Nicholas were asleep for the night, I looked through the brown bags.

I cried for the first time that day when I

saw his mangled helmet and realized that would have been his head had he not been wearing it. I held his leather jacket, what was left of it. It looked as if someone had put it in a paper shredder.

It dawned on me, that the shredded leather would have been his skin. His kevlar gloves, which I had complained were too expensive, were also pretty chewed up by the pavement. His jeans had held up well too, and minimized what road rash he suffered. I was thankful. Even his riding boots had held up through the accident and his recently healed ankle was fine.

The details of how the wreck had happened weren't important to me. I was just so surprised at how well his protective gear had actually protected him. He'd hit the pavement at around 60 miles per hour and was thrown through the air only to meet the ground, over and over again for almost 250 feet.

His head made first impact, then his shoulder, breaking his collarbone. But because he was dressed for riding, he was alive and sleeping peacefully just down the hall after such a serious accident.

He'll probably ride again one day. But for now, he's healing and taking time to think it over. The choice is his, but a helmet and riding gear are not options.

He now sells motorcycles just like the one he totaled. When someone says they don't want to spend the money on a helmet, jacket and gloves, Jerry simply shows them his road-ravaged gear. It's still in the brown bag I brought home from the hospital and he keeps it at the dealership.

Almost always, it's enough to persuade the rider to don the appropriate gear.

My husband is alive today because he wore his helmet. Those are his trauma doctor's words, not mine.

Military Training Day

The training for **Aug. 4** is:
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Base TRICARE Service Center gets new home at Clinic

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TRICARE

The Clinic's new TRICARE Service Center officially opened July 6.

Col. Danny Gardner, 66th Air Base Wing commander, presided at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Navy Capt. Lori Turpin, director of Health Enhancement Programs and deputy director of TRICARE North East Office of the Lead Agent Regional Operations, Col. Charles Armstead, 66th Medical Group commander, and James McClure, vice president of Sierra Military Health Services Division, were also in attendance.

Hanscom Clinic is the first Military Treatment Facility in Region 1 to have a facility built especially to house a TRICARE Service Center.

Bringing the TSC into the Medical Group is a milestone in the journey to provide the best in service to patients and beneficiaries.

The joining of the Air Force and SMHS' portions of the TRICARE Service process serves as a model that other military treatment facilities and TSCs can strive toward.

The new TSC has a receptionist who will determine the needs of the beneficiary before seeing a TSC staff member, four private briefing rooms that will provide

patient confidentiality, a waiting room equipped with a television which will play the latest TRICARE educational and marketing films, and the most current TRICARE materials will be displayed and available on the walls for pick-up and take out.

Hanscom's TSC is staffed by SMHS' professionals who are there to help beneficiaries receive their entitled health care services that they need.

The new facility also houses the 66th Medical Support Squadron Business Operations Beneficiary Support Flight which is charged with the responsibility of ensuring that all of the health care benefit programs work at the peak of efficiency.

Colonel Duggan retires after 29 years of service, moves to Colorado

by Areece L. Peak
ESC Public Affairs

After more than 29 years of service, Col. James W. Duggan, deputy program director for the Defense Information Infrastructure-Air Force Program Office, will retire Tuesday at the Officer's Club.

Colonel Duggan enlisted in the Air Force in 1971 and received his commission through the Airman Education and Commissioning Program in 1974.

His first assignment was to Hancock Field Syracuse, N.Y.,

where he served at the group level as chief of Base Administration. He followed that assignment with a tour at 671st Radar Squadron in Key West, Fla.

After moving to Peterson AFB, Colo., as an Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Section commander, he and his wife, Cathy, were assigned to the Joint Defense Space Communications Station at Woomera, Australia.

He returned in 1982 for a tour at Kirtland AFB, N.M., and from there went to the Pentagon as a staff officer at Headquarters U.S. Air Force.

He served at Air Force Logistics Command Headquarters and was involved in the merger of Air Force Systems Command and Air Force Logistics Command.

Before coming to Electronic Systems Center, Colonel Duggan was the 721st Space Communications Squadron commander at Cheyenne Mountain Air Station, Colo., and staff officer at both Headquarters North America Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Space Command.

According to Colonel Duggan, being commander of the 721st Space Communications Squadron

was one of his greatest challenges and highlights of his career. It was here that his unit operated and maintained the mission systems for the Integrated Tactical Warning Attack Assessment Network, and at the same time installed ESC's Cheyenne Mountain Upgrade replacement system.

As for his retirement plans, Colonel Duggan plans to "go to Colorado Springs, take some time off, return to work and continue to enjoy life."

Colonel Duggan will depart from Hanscom to Colorado Springs with his family July 21.



Col. James Duggan

New BX manager plans change

By Erin Coyne
ESC Public Affairs

Peter Nam, the new Base Exchange store manager, says that he is dedicated to improving the quality and management of the organization.

From working as sales and merchandise manager in Wiesbaden, Germany, from 1997 to 1999, and volunteering as retail business manager in Sarajevo, Bosnia, from May 1999 to May 2000, Mr. Nam says that he will use his experiences and new ideas to help improve Hanscom's BX.

"Anywhere you go there is opportunity to improve. I hope to improve personnel relations between the BX and its customers, as well as employees and management within the organization," said Mr. Nam.

"Our goal is to build a management and employee team within the BX that works with the overall Hanscom team to meet the needs of all customers and workers."

Mr. Nam said that the BX is committed to carrying quality products at the lowest prices.

"If the same product is found at our competitors' stores for a



Peter Nam

lower price, we will match that price, therefore guaranteeing our lowest prices," said Mr. Nam.

The BX is also working to reorganize the store so that it is easy for shoppers to find and compare products and prices.

There are five full-time positions and five part-time positions available to those interested in working for this newly managed store.

For information about the BX or applications for employment, call 274-8588.

Security Forces unites for self-help project

by Capt. Scott Derby
66th Security Forces Squadron

The 66th Security Forces Squadron recently completed a self-help project by constructing a recreation area for the unit.

Security forces members spent more than 40 hours of off-duty time on the area, which includes a gazebo, flagpole, horseshoe pit, barbecue and picnic area and surrounding lawns.

The 66th Civil Engineer Squadron was a major supporter in providing the gazebo and installing the hydro seed for the lawn.

Master Sgt. Tim Marks, 66th Security Forces Squadron, said, "This is a great opportunity for the unit to build camaraderie and esprit de corps. It gives us someplace to have some safe fun, together as a unit."

The unit has named the area BDOC (bee-dock), a term referring to the wartime command and control center for Air Base Defense.

Col. Danny Gardner, 66th Air Base Wing commander, recently helped inaugurate the site at a going away function for Maj. Roger McNeal, former commander of the 66th Security Forces Squadron.

JAG team runs away with Fun Run, Walk trophies

by 1st Lt. Michelle M. T. Faucher
ESC Public Affairs

Both of Hanscom's monthly Fun Run and Walk team trophies went to the Electronic Systems Center's Judge Advocate General's Office June 29 with the top runners receiving individual awards.

The JAG's team won trophies for being the fastest team and the team with the most participants.

The trophy for the fastest team is awarded to the four-person

team with the quickest total time after adding up the times from each runner.

Both trophies remain with the winning team until the next month's run.

Capt. Peter B. Philbrick, the chief of advanced command and control systems in the ESC Strategic Reconnaissance System Program Office, was the fastest runner overall with a time of 20 minutes and 32 seconds. He is currently combating cancer in the form of a brain tumor.

"Courage at it's best," is how Jerry Turnbow, the director of Hanscom's Fitness and Sports Center, described Captain Philbrick. Mr. Turnbow organizes the monthly Fun Run and Walk events.

The members of the JAG team were Capt. Wayne P. Gordon, Capt. Ted J. Hammer, Capt. Tim J. Pastore, Edward L. Fitzmaurice and William G. Auton.

Hanscom's next Fun Run and Walk will be July 27 at the Fitness Center.



Does it seem like you're on the phone all day?

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Message courtesy of the 66th ABW Communications and Information Division

Family Advocacy offers free programs to parents

by Carolyn Quinn
ESC Public Affairs

Hanscom's Family Advocacy office has started a new program to support parents of small children.

The Parent Support Program, a free Air Force-wide program ran by Family Advocacy, is open to all active-duty families having at least one child between pregnancy and three years old.

Carol Whitney, who has been a registered nurse for nine years, runs the program.

The program is designed to provide support and services for families expecting a child; single parents; those who have no local support or family; have no experience with babies or toddlers; are frequently TDY or on remote tour; or have a colicky, fussy or high-needs baby.

These services are provided in the home, at the office, at the hospital, or over the phone.

The program has different levels of involvement.

Generally, to be considered enrolled in the program the participant has to fill out some questionnaires regarding the family's needs. Informational materials will be available such as the "What to

Expect" Series.

Ms. Whitney is hopeful that additional programs will begin as early as August.

These programs are: a two-hour prenatal orientation class targeting the family and the first trimester of pregnancy. A follow up program already in existence will be "Bundles for Babies" covering the third trimester.

By September she hopes to have implemented a postnatal group, a continuous eight-week program that addresses questions and concerns any family member having a child up to three months old might have. Issues to be covered will be crying, sleeping, feeding, post partum, exercise, nutrition and car seat safety.

Further down the road, Ms. Whitney would also like to see a fathering class that would provide an opportunity for fathers to discuss concerns, answer questions and build confidence about being a father.

The program will begin to see families in August. Call 377-4617 or 377-9429 to get on the lists.

Anyone can make a referral, so take advantage of this free parenting program.



courtesy photo

Senior Airmen Tasha and David Robinson load up their car with the package and car seat they received from the Bundles for Babies program.

Base employee balances two careers

by Erin Coyne
ESC Public Affairs

Pursuing a unique combination of careers, Dr. Gino Cascieri is busy serving both the Lord, as senior pastor of Evangelical Baptist Church in Newton, Mass., and the government, by working in the contracting division at Hanscom.

Dr. Cascieri was an active duty member of the Air Force during the Vietnam Conflict from 1971 to 1973.

"Because I received my calling into the ministry so late in life, I am able to bring my life experiences, including my service in the Air Force, into my church. These experiences along with the word of God have allowed me to help others."

Dr. Cascieri was born and

raised in the town of Winthrop, Mass.

He was ordained to the Gospel Ministry in November 1993. Dr. Cascieri was pastor of Open Door Baptist Church, North Billerica, Mass., from June 1993 through June 1997.

Having earned a Bachelor of Science in Social Services, a Masters in Public Administration, a Doctorate of Philosophy in Theology and a Doctorate of Ministry, Dr. Cascieri is also a professor in theology at Andersonville Baptist Seminary in Georgia.

With the help of technology he is able to teach via taped lectures and recorded syllabi.

The calling of the ministry has extended into Dr. Cascieri's work at Hanscom in many different ways. For example, as an



Dr. Gino Cascieri

ordained minister he was able to marry a couple from Hanscom this past March.

"I have a full and busy life. It is difficult to balance the two jobs at times, but it is very rewarding. I am truly blessed," said Dr. Cascieri.

DoD announces slight child care fee hike

by Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service

Washington — Fees at military child care facilities will increase by about \$1 to \$2 more per child each week for the 2000 to 2001 school year, DoD officials announced recently.

The fees keep pace with estimates of inflation. DoD family policy officials review and update child care fees annually.

Depending on their total family income, DoD families will pay between \$40 and \$116 per child per week during the upcoming school year. The fee

represents about half the cost of child care, the remainder is paid with appropriated funds from Congress.

How much parents pay for military child care is based on the family's total income. This includes all earned income — wages, salaries, tips, long-term disability benefits and voluntary salary deferrals. It also includes service members' combat pay, housing and subsistence allowances, and the value of meals and lodging furnished in-kind to military personnel residing on military installations.

Installation commanders set

fees within DoD ranges. This gives the commander flexibility to adjust fees based on the cost of living in the local area. Commanders also have the authority to use an optional high-cost fee range in areas where it is necessary to pay child care providers higher wages to compete in the local labor market.

Installation child development centers may begin charging the following fees anytime between Aug. 1 and October 1.

To view the new fees, go to <http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Jul2000>.

CDC to provide summer camp

by Erin Coyne
ESC Public Affairs

Starting July 24, the Child Development Center is offering a part day summer camp program for children.

The program, Camp Discovery, for children ages 3 to 5, will run from July 25 through August 24.

"This program is designed to provide young children with a place to socialize with other children in their age group, while participating in fun, educational activities," said Acting Child Development Center Director, Kathy Chiasson.

Camp Discovery will run for five weeks. The program is Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Registration is July 17 through July 21, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at

the Child Development Center.

Children may attend Camp Discovery for the entire 5 weeks or register week by week.

According to Ms. Chiasson, campers can look forward to making new friends and enjoying themselves while cooking, swimming, bowling, participating in science activities and more.

"We are also planning to have special visitors such as people from the aquarium and magicians," said Ms. Chiasson. "Children will also have opportunities to attend various field trips throughout the weeks."

I think Camp Discovery will be a success. We have planned activities to target the children's interest and ability levels," said Ms. Chiasson.

For information on Camp Discovery call the Child Development Center at 377-7166.

Housing to get energy upgrades

Hanscom has partnered with Xenergy Inc. to upgrade both electrical and water fixtures in base housing for greater efficiency.

Xenergy, an energy savings company, will be upgrading ceiling and wall mounted light fixtures, thermostats, faucet aerators and showerheads in all housing units, providing a calculated \$177,000 annual utility cost savings, which will be used for the upgrades.

The energy conservation measures will also provide housing occupants with new and improved lighting fixtures, free replacement bulbs (available at the Self-Help Store), simpler heating and cooling control, and more uniform water flow.

To make the program successful however, housing occupant support is needed. Approximately two weeks before work starts, housing occupants will be notified by postcard of the scheduled date and time of the renovations in their unit. It is essential that occupants follow the instructions on the post card, and reply by the requested date on the post card. The presence of an adult unit occupant will be required during the equipment change outs.

Questions or concerns should be referred to Hanscom's Energy Manager, Mark Lukitsch, 66th Civil Engineer Squadron, Maintenance Engineering at 377-4481.

INSPECTION

SC, IG conduct computer information awareness evaluation

by Areece L. Peak
ESC Public Affairs

With recent changes in technology and computer virus incidents, Hanscom's Inspector General Office initiated a computer awareness inspection last month at various sites on base.

The inspection was directed by the 66th Communications and Information Division Commander Lt. Col. Denise Taylor to see how and where the base as a whole is operating, with compliance to the rules and regulations

set forth by the higher-ups, according to Master Sgt. Edward Chunn, Inspector General's Office.

"Hanscom fully cooperated making this inspection a successful implementation of the required downward-directed AFCERT compliance messages," said Roger Byrd, 66th Communications and Information Division Information Assurance manager.

The division assisted the Inspector General's Office in their inspection and evaluation

process.

Before initiating the inspection, commanders and computer managers were given checklists on information awareness objectives and helpful hints to combat computer viruses and computer hacker attempts.

Mr. Byrd commented, "We, as information managers, distributed compliance measures to the agencies and the IG inspected these measures to verify if personnel have been complying. This was a joint effort on behalf of both parties to ensure information aware-

ness is disseminated. It serves as checks and balances to determine if each organization is meeting mandatory compliance."

The inspector did show some areas which need improvement.

"The whole base is improving, however we still have a lot of work to do. Every user of the computer system on base has to be involved if we ever intend to reach 100 percent compliance in information assurance," said Sergeant Chunn.

The IG will be conducting random inspections in the

upcoming months.

Here are four hints given by the IG for computer users:

❑ Each user should set an appropriate screen saver time when away from the computer.

❑ Conduct an Anti-virus check daily.

❑ Don't open email messages from members you do not recognize.

❑ Contact your computer security manager or work group if you have a computer virus.

For information on computer security, call 377-7014.

Booster, 'bullet' snafu foils fifth NMD test flight, officials to review test data

Washington — The fifth test flight of the prototype National Missile Defense system ended in failure early Saturday when the "bullet" and booster rocket stages didn't separate.

A modified Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missile with a target warhead was launched at 12:19 a.m. Eastern Time from Vandenberg AFB, Calif. The prototype interceptor was launched about 20 minutes later from Kwajalein Atoll in the Pacific Ocean.

Lt. Gen. Ronald T. Kadish, director of the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, explained immediately follow-

ing the test that the exoatmospheric kill vehicle, the "bullet" of the NMD architecture, apparently waited for a signal from the booster rocket that never came.

Lacking the signal, he said, the kill vehicle shut down its timeline and never attempted to intercept the Vandenberg target. The kill vehicle relies on hitting a target to destroy it.

Defense officials reported later July 8 that everything else from kill vehicle sensors to ground control systems performed as expected up to moment separation should have occurred.

They also said preliminary indications are the prototype

tracking radar at Kwajalein performed well and discriminated the mock warhead from all other objects, including debris from an improperly inflated decoy balloon.

Government and industry officials will review test data to trace the failure and determine test objectives that were or were not met. They would not estimate when the review would be complete.

The National Missile Defense system is being designed to protect the United States from a limited ICBM attack. The United States has made no decision yet to deploy an NMD system.

Standard Systems Group to host information technology conference

Maxwell AFB, Gunter Annex, Ala. — Industry chief executive officers and senior Air Force leaders will convene in Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 28 to 31 for the annual Air Force Information Technology Conference.

The conference is open to all Department of Defense personnel and is designed to bring computer users up to date on the efforts of industry and government agencies.

"Combating Computer Terrorism" is the theme of the 14th AFITC, hosted each year by the Standard Systems Group and the City of Montgomery.

Among industry leaders confirmed to attend are chief executive officers Carl Yankowski, Palm, Inc.; John Becker, AXENT Technologies; and James Adams, iDEFENSE. Air Force keynote speakers are Carol DiBattiste,

under secretary of the Air Force; Lt. Gen. John Woodward, commander of Air Force Communications and Information Center; and Lt. Gen. Lance Lord, commander of Air University.

Government and industry leaders will present more than 160 in-depth technical seminars and workshops, and a vendor exhibition hall consisting of more than 150 participants will showcase the latest technologies.

More than 3,500 people attended last year's conference with more than 4,000 expected this year.

Early registration is encouraged and can be accomplished on line at the AFITC Web site.

Name badges will not be mailed out as in past years, but will be available for pick up at the Montgomery Civic Center after Aug. 27.

DEERS asks members to keep records updated

The Defense Enrollment Eligibility System is a world-wide database of active-duty family members, retirees and their family members, and others who are eligible for TRICARE benefits.

Although active-duty service members and military retirees are automatically registered in DEERS, active duty family members and eligible survivors must physically register.

Because DEERS information is not automatically updated, people must update their files when they move.

When DEERS files are outdated, problems arise. This is especially true of incorrect home addresses.

Information listed in DEERS is frequently used to send out information about health benefits.

About half of the addresses for active duty family members are estimated to be incorrect because DEERS was not updated when the families moved.

Problems also arise when DEERS is not notified of a change in the family status, such as marriage, divorce, birth or adoption.

TRICARE benefits may be denied because DEERS has not been updated to reflect a new spouse or child.

A claim may also be paid by mistake because DEERS has no record of divorce or death.

With an incorrectly paid claim, the government is required by law to request reimbursement, regardless of who is at fault.

DEERS information can be obtained by going to the nearest military personnel office, e-mailing changes to addrinfo@osd.pentagon.mil or faxing changes to (831) 655-8317.

DEERS address changes may also be made at their website on-line at <https://www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERSAddress/>.

For information, call the DEERS Support Office at its toll-free number, (800) 538-9552.

The Pride of "Team Hanscom"

STAFF SGT. DARREN FETT

NCOIC Base Disaster Preparedness Office
66th Civil Engineer Squadron, Readiness Section

Family and marital status: wife, Marilyn; step-daughter, Elizabeth Johnson; son and daughter, Phillip and Amberlyn Fett, in Utah.

Hometown: Grand Junction, Colo.

Birthday: April 27, 1965

Hobbies: Role-playing on Ultima Online, golf, reading science fiction and fantasy novels.

Date arrived station: July 13, 1997

My pet peeve is: People who forget or choose to ignore the rules of the road and automatically assume they have the right of way.

Last book read: Man-Fac by Martin Caidin

Last movie watched: Spartacus

Favorite T.V. show: Any of the Star Trek series

Inspirations: My son and daughter who fight Cystic Fibrosis everyday.

My best Air Force memory is: Standing at the end of a desert runway watching the first wave of F-16s depart in Desert Storm.

What quality of life initiative would you like to see imple-



mented: A substantial increase in tuition assistance and raising, if not lifting, its cap.

Favorite song: "The Best of Times" by Styx

Future goals: Finish my degree, have a smooth transition into the civilian way of life, and find an enjoyable occupation.

Lifelong dream or ambition: To become a well published and enjoyable writer of science fiction and fantasy works.

(If you would like to nominate someone to profile in a future Hansconian, please contact Tech. Sgt. Matt Trischler at 377-5115)

Top ergo testers announced

The following individuals scored in the top percentile of ergometry testing.

ESC/JS

Capt. Vincent Cacciatore, Capt. Christopher Stoik and 2nd Lt. Brian Smith.

ESC/CC

Brig. Gen. Ted McFarland

ESC/XP

Capt. Gregg Hansen and Col. Teddy King.

ESC/ND

Capt. Harold Woods, Maj. Richard Edge, 1st Lt. Timothy Fox, Lt. Col. Stephen Morrissey and 2nd Lt. Paul Trumbley.

ESC/CX

Capt. William Shearstone, 2nd Lt. Jennifer Petykowski, Capt. Ann Wong Jiru and 2nd Lt. Terra States.

ESC/SR

2nd Lt. Shelly Reade, Lt. Col. Steven Webb, Capt. Tracey Swope, Capt. Kristen Fair and Airman 1st

Class Jasmine Corbo.

AFRL

2nd Lt. James Fox and Senior Airman Patricia Feller.

66th Security Forces Squadron

Airman Basic Justin Crotty, Staff Sgt. Dennis Sorski and Staff Sgt. James Apholz.

66th Civil Engineer Squadron

Master Sgt. Frank Perry

Logistics

Staff Sgt. Martin Rios

66th Medical Group

Airman 1st Class Rachael Long

Swim team splashes into spotlight

by Areece L. Peak
ESC Public Affairs

Hanscom's Minuteman Masters swim team was awarded third place honors during a ceremony held last month for New England Grand Championships at the Boston Celtics Training Facility in Waltham, Mass.

The Minutemen were praised for being the fastest growing team in New England, both in numbers and performance.

Bob Seltzer, New England Masters President commended Rich Axtell, Minuteman coach and assistant pool manager, for his "commitment to excellence in his program and swimming."

His unselfish attitude and devotion to the program led him to take the responsibility in

training the youth team when the center could not find a permanent coach, developing some of New England's finest swimmers.

Mr. Axtell stated, "I appreciate the opportunity to work with Jay Simmons, aquatic director over the years to help improve the quality of life for people on Hanscom through our programs. We have expanded our programs to reach a diverse audience, not just the youth but adults as well."

This past year Minuteman Masters participated in two regional meets, placing third in both meets.

Minuteman has also enjoyed new areas of success, which include sending a swimmer to this summer's Olympic Team

Trials in Indianapolis, Ind.

Many elite triathletes train with Minuteman, including Hanscom's 1st Lt. Chad Connor, who recently earned a slot to compete in Hawaii's "Iron Man Hawaii" triathlon.

"Minuteman Masters is for everyone ages 19 and up, not just swimmers with a National resume. We welcome beginner fitness swimmers and challenge them to better themselves each time they enter the water," Mr. Axtell said.

The base pool is offering numerous programs for the summer, including scuba, water aerobics and CPR and water safety instructor courses.

For information on summer programs and swim meets call 377-2455.

Annual AOG golf outing scheduled for July 25

Hanscom's golfers are invited to attend the annual golf outing sponsored by the New England chapter of the U.S. Air Force Academy Association of Graduates at the Townsend Ridge Country Club July 25.

Monday is the cutoff for all reservations, which will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

To provide the widest opportunity to participate in the day's activities, there will be two formats of play, "modified team best ball" and "scramble."

Play will begin at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start and will end with an awards dinner at 2 p.m.

Note that Townsend Ridge Country Club allows soft spikes only.

The entry fee is \$50 for civilian and military government personnel, \$65 for Association of Graduates and Air Force Academy Parents' Club members, and \$90 for all other participants.

All fees will go toward expenses, including the green fee, cart rental, dinner and door prizes, as well as a contribution to the Air Force Academy Fund.

The National Association of Graduates adminis-

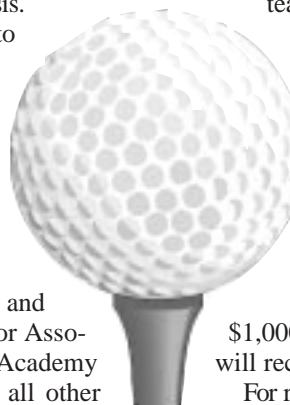
ters the Air Force Academy fund to pay for academy educational programs for which federally appropriated funds are not available, such as the Character Development Program and the Cadet Commanders' Leadership Seminar.

Prizes will be given to the top three finishing teams in each flight and the number of flights will be determined by the number of players.

Trophies will go to the individual player who cards the lowest score while playing the "modified team best ball" format and to each member of the team that cards the lowest score playing the "scramble" format.

Additionally, there will be more than \$1,000 worth of door prizes and each player will receive a memento of the occasion.

For registration information, contact one of the following people: Trevor Haak, 890-5420, Trevor_J_Haak@mail.northgrum.com; Capt. Robin Orth, 377-8915, robin.orth@hanscom.af.mil; 1st Lt. Brad Lucas, 377-3950, bradley.lucas@hanscom.af.mil; or 2nd Lt. Rob Mishev, 271-5062, robert.mishev@hanscom.af.mil.



DoD reviews Bronze Star criteria, concurs that AF awarded properly

Washington — The Department of Defense has finished its review of the criteria for the Bronze Star Medals awarded by the Air Force and Navy for Operation Allied Force, and determined that both services awarded the medal properly and the recipients met the standards required.

According to Defense Department spokesman Ken Bacon, the Air Force and Navy were well within the boundaries of precedents that had been set in past conflicts, including Vietnam, for awarding Bronze Stars.

"We're obviously pleased and grateful to have such strong and definitive confirmation that our airmen deserve the medals they were awarded," said Secretary of the Air Force Whit Peters. "Those great airmen awarded the Bronze Star Medal should rest assured that no one doubts their exceptional service and meritorious achievements in Operation Allied Force."

The issue was whether it was appropriate to issue Bronze Star Medals to troops who didn't actually enter the combat zone but may have been part of a combat team at some distance from the conflict, Bacon said during a recent Pentagon press briefing.

One historical precedent for the medal being awarded to troops outside of a combat zone was found during the DOD review and related to air teams stationed on Guam during Vietnam, according to the spokesman. However, simply following historical precedent was not the only consideration for DOD's decision to affirm the services' awarding of the medal.

The Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and

Readiness Bernard D. Rostker also looked at the appropriateness of the awards and whether the services adhered to the regulations, Mr. Bacon said.

According to established criteria, the Bronze Star is presented to people who have distinguished themselves by heroic or meritorious service or achievement, not involving participation in aerial flight under any of the following circumstances:

- While engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States,
- while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force, and
- while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.

In approving the Bronze Star Medal for those serving outside the area of hostilities, the Air Force noted that there are no geographical constraints for the medal listed in its executive order or the DOD manual.

Dr. Rostker found no reason to change the regulations and that the services' decision to award the Bronze Star Medals was

completely appropriate, Mr. Bacon said.

"I'm also pleased that Dr. Rostker has taken on the challenge of ensuring that all of the Department's medals and awards policies keep pace with the changing nature of warfare," said Peters. "That is vitally important to the Air Force as the evolution of the expeditionary aerospace force continues and aerospace integration increases our ability to fight and win while putting fewer and fewer people in harm's way."



New way to volunteer for EQUAL Plus opportunities

Randolph AFB, Texas — Members can now volunteer for EQUAL Plus advertisements right at their personal computers by logging onto the Assignment Management System.

Effective immediately, members are no longer required to trek down to the commander's support staff office or military personnel flight to update their records, according to Air Force Personnel Center officials. Once an account is established on

AMS, the member will have unrestricted access to the system around the clock.

EQUAL Plus advertises short notice and special duty assignments for airman through senior master sergeant, and all chief master sergeant assignments. When people check EQUAL Plus, and don't see an assignment for their AFSC, they shouldn't give up. The system is updated every week.

The assignments advertised are for both stateside and overseas locations. They include a variety of career broadening type jobs such as working at a headquarters or field operating agency that requires special skills, Joint Departmental positions and numerous other unique opportunities.

For information, go to the AMS website at <https://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/AMSWeb/master.cfm>.

Staff sergeant promotion list due out Wednesday

Randolph AFB, Texas — The Air Force plans to release the list of its newest staff sergeant promotees Wednesday.

This year's release comes almost a month earlier than last year's staff sergeant promotion list.

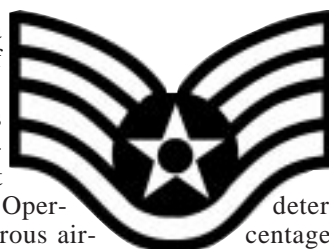
Air Force Personnel Center officials cite several reasons for this year's earlier release. Many will recall that last year the Air Force was in the midst of Operation ALLIED FORCE, and had numerous airmen deployed. "The late August release date last year accommodated those who were deployed and gave many of them an opportunity to return and test," center officials said. "We have also pledged to our

customers worldwide that we will continue to strive for sooner promotion releases rather than later."

This year, partly because of reduced testing windows, AFPC was able to get most of the tests for staff sergeant eligibles processed and scored sooner. There are approximately 40,000 eligibles this year.

The promotion quota has not been determined yet, so the exact promotion percentage is not known at this time.

"We are confident that percentages for all ranks, including staff sergeant will remain at or above TOP-CAP objectives for the foreseeable future," center officials added.



ALS Class 00E graduates

by Staff Sgt. Dawn Daniels
Airman Leadership School

The graduation ceremony for Airman Leadership School Class 00E will be held at the Patriot Enlisted Club July 27 at 6 p.m.

Members of ALS Class 00E are: Senior Airman Bonny Alexander and Senior Airman Olga Korakis, Electronic Systems Center; Senior Airman William Ferguson, 66th Civil Engineering Squadron; Senior Airman Jeffrey Gill, 66th Logistics Squadron; Senior Airman Sean Morris, 66th Medical Operations Squadron; Army Spc. Frank Chavira and Army Spc. Jeffrey Hunter, U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine, Natick, Mass.; Senior Airman Kristin Carney, 177th Fighter Wing, Egg Harbor, N.J.; Senior Airman Martin Novello, 267th Combat Communication Squadron, Otis ANGB, Falmouth, Mass.; Senior Airman Robert Hannigan, 102th Fighter Wing, Otis ANGB, Falmouth, Mass.; Senior Airman Jason Roy, 212th Engineering Installation Squadron, Worcester, Mass.; Senior Airman Wilson Santiago, 111th Military Personnel Flight, Willow Grove Air Reserve Station, Willow Grove, Pa.; Senior Airman Brent Spruill, 439th Aeromedical Storage Squadron, Nashua, N.H.; Senior Airman Brian Murphy, 101st Aircraft Generation Squadron, Bangor ANGB, Bangor, Maine, and Senior Airman Robert Young, Defense Finance Accounting Service, Limestone, Maine.

If interested in attending, contact the students, their organizations or Airman Leadership School at 377-5297.

All tickets must be purchased prior to July 21.

Air Force announces revised SRB list, four skills added

Randolph AFB, Texas — The Air Force has completed its latest review of the Selective Reenlistment Bonus program, again increasing the pool of eligibles by four skills.

SRBs are a key monetary incentive to encourage sufficient reenlistments in certain enlisted Air Force specialties to sustain career force objectives in those skills. These reviews are conducted semi-annually, normally in June and December, and involve a comprehensive review of all enlisted specialties.

The criteria used for determining which enlisted skills receive an SRB includes current and projected skill and total manning levels, reenlistment rates by SRB zone and category of enlistment, career field force structure changes, and inputs from individual functional career field managers. SRBs are authorized in 0.5 increments (or multiples) and in three reenlistment zones for personnel with between 17 months and 14 years of service.

The revised AFSC listing of SRB skills includes 56 zone A (17 months to 6 years of service), 43 zone B (6 to 10 years of service), and 12 zone C (10 to 14 years of service) multiplier increases; 8 zone A, 25 zone B, and 6 zone C additions, and 2 zone A and B multiplier decreases from the list published in January.

A total of 152 skills, approximately three-fourths of the Air Force skills, are now eligible for an SRB in one or more zones.

This is a net increase of four skills from the previous list. Three zone A and three zone B SRBs were deleted; and 10 new AFSCs were added in either zones A, B, C or some combination.

The additions and multiple increases were effective June 20. The SRB multiple decreases and deletions are effective July 31.

Information on the SRB program can be found at the Air Force Personnel Center's Enlisted Skills Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/.

Additional information can also be obtained by calling the reenlistment office at 377-3303.

RMV introduces redesigned vehicle inspection stickers

Responding to the needs of consumers and law enforcement officials, Registrar of Motor Vehicles, Daniel A. Grabauskas recently introduced a newly redesigned inspection sticker.

The new sticker is easier to read and has an improved design to ensure that it will remain bonded to a vehicle's windshield.

"The Registry heard the concerns raised by consumers and law enforcement officials," said Registrar Grabauskas. "They wanted a sticker that was easier to read, and we needed to address with our vendor the fact that the stickers were not sticking properly."

The current inspection sticker was designed more than two years ago and implemented when the enhanced emissions program began last October.

That sticker included both the specific day and month by which a vehicle must be re-inspected, which differed from the old system that simply indicated which month.

Upon becoming Registrar, Mr. Grabauskas changed back to the former system allowing drivers the entire month to get their vehicle re-inspected. Therefore, the new sticker prominently displays only the sticker's month of expiration. This single number will be larger so that law enforcement officials may more easily read them, and consumers will be

reminded when it is time to get re-inspected.

The Registry also addressed the problem of the quality of the current sticker by replacing its border-adhesive design with a stronger full-surface adhesive.

"Many of the stickers used currently are peeling in the summer heat," added Mr. Grabauskas. "The new stickers will hold up under the sun."

For those who currently have problems with their sticker, the Registry will also make available clear adhesive patches that will cover stickers already on vehicles to ensure that they will remain attached until your next inspection.

Beginning in August, this patch will be available free of

charge at all inspection stations. Driver's need only to stop by and pick one up.

Software used to produce the new stickers is currently being installed by Keating Technologies. Installation of this software in all of the more than 1,200 inspection stations statewide is scheduled for completion this month.

The redesign of the inspection sticker is another step by the Registry to improve customer service. For information about changes at the Registry and the inspection program visit their website at www.massrmv.com.



Larkin (from page 1)

forced open the bomb bay doors and dropped out from 18,000 feet.

"I could see the English Channel as I was coming down," said Mr. Larkin. "Then I looked down and saw a vehicle. I hoped for a moment it was ours, but it wasn't."

As soon as he hit the ground three German soldiers ran up with submachine guns and shouted "don't move!"

"I just put my hands up and said I'm not going anywhere," said Mr. Larkin.

Perhaps the uneasiest part of the capture was when the soldiers discovered Mr. Larkin's dog tags and realized he was Jewish.

"They kept shouting 'Juden, Juden' (the German word for Jew), but I just pretended I didn't know what it meant," he said.

"Upon capture, he was asked by a German officer who was a Harvard graduate, 'Aren't you afraid to come here as a Jew?'" recounted Mr. Larkin in an article in Eighth Air Force magazine. "I came over here as an American soldier," Larkin replied."

Now after many years, Mr. Larkin is officially no longer a simple American soldier, he is, as General Kenne said, "a true American hero."



Always take the time to properly protect personal and official government records. If unable to shred privacy act or for official use only documents tear them so they can not be read. do not just dump them in the trash.

For information contact the Privacy Act Manager at 3-8606.



Courtesy photo

Col. (Dr.) Antonia Silva-Hale speaks at a graduation ceremony at Regis College. Dr. Silva-Hale attended the ceremony where she received an honorary degree from the college.

One-way street made in mobile home park

The Base Traffic Enforcement Committee has created a one-way street in the Patriot Mobile Home Park to increase safety.

The committee was asked to review a potentially dangerous traffic location at the southerly end of the lower trailer park at Independence Court and Hartwell Road in Bedford.

They reviewed the conditions at the site and

approved a 'do not enter' sign to be placed at the southerly end of Independence Court, making it exit only.

Traffic entering the trailer park from the direction of the base should enter, making a left turn, a few hundred feet further down Hartwell Road where it is safer to do so.

For information, contact civil engineering at 377-2557.

DoD temporarily slows anthrax vaccination effort

Washington — The Department of Defense announced July 11 that it is temporarily slowing its Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program (AVIP) effort. Most of the remaining vaccine will be used to help protect those most at risk serving in the High Threat Areas of Southwest Asia and Korea.

DoD will continue new starts for the highest risk personnel serving in the High Threat Areas; other new starts will be deferred. Those personnel who have begun the shot series, but have since departed the High Threat Areas also will be deferred. A full resumption of the vaccination effort will occur when a sufficient supply of FDA-approved and certified safe and effective vaccine is available.

"While we regret this necessity, we do not have a sufficient supply of vaccine at this time," said Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen. "We will expand our vaccination effort as soon as logistically feasible, with FDA-certi-

fied vaccine. In making the decision to protect our servicemembers against anthrax, we put safety first.

"We determined that vaccination is the safest, most reliable way to protect our servicemembers from a potential threat that is 99 percent lethal to unprotected, untreated individuals. Anthrax remains the top biological warfare threat to U.S. troops, and the vaccine is our safest, most effective weapon

to protect our people against that threat," he said.

When FDA-released vaccine is again available, the full scope of the program will be resumed. Precise plans for resuming vaccinations will be based on the recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and consultation with the Food and Drug

Administration.

"Additionally, we need to assure a sufficient, long-term supply of vaccine," said the secretary. "Protecting our servicemembers is far too important for us to rely on a single source. We are immediately and aggressively seeking a second U.S. source of anthrax vaccine."

"By having a second source, we can have greater confidence and comfort that a sufficient supply of safe and effective vaccine will be available to protect our servicemembers against anthrax," said Cohen. A request for a second supplier was published in the July 3rd Commerce Business Daily.

More than 455,000 service members have started their vaccinations and more than 1.8 million vaccinations have been given. To be fully protected, servicemembers are vaccinated using the FDA-approved protocol of six immunizations over an 18-month period, plus annual boosters.

AAFES recalls 'Today's Kids' toy, offers free replacement

Dallas — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service in conjunction with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and Today's Kids, of Dallas, is recalling more than 103,000 spinning ride toys.

A center column on the "Music & Lights Kidaround Spinner" can break, causing the child to suddenly fall backward, or be hit in the face by the broken column. Consumers should take these spinning ride toys away from children immediately.

Today's Kids has received 1,427 reports of the toys' columns breaking off, resulting in five injuries. Injuries include bumps on heads, cut faces and split lips.

The toy is a purple turntable with a green column through the middle, which is topped by a yellow steering wheel. The child sits on the turntable and spins around by turning on the steering wheel. The toy plays five songs and lights flash while the child is spinning.

The toy's packaging indicates it is intended for children 1 1/2 to 5 years old. A sticker on the center of the steering wheel reads, "Today's Kids." The battery cover, on the side of the green column reads, "made in China." The bottom of the turntable reads, "made in U.S.A." Customers should look for model number 916, Item 495406447, UPC 022983009160 and CRC 4456696.

The company has issued instructions for obtaining a free replacement spinning toy. Consumers should remove the bolt from the bottom of the spinner and throw away the washer found on the bolt, so a child can't choke on it. Next, unscrew the battery cover and cut the ribbon attaching the cover to the column of the toy. For safety reasons, keep the batteries out of a child's reach and throw the rest of the toy away immediately and do not let anyone play with any of the parts. Finally, wrap the removed bolt and the battery cover in a single piece of paper and place in a standard envelope and send it to: Today's Kids 13630 Neutron Road Dallas, TX 75244

Customers in the United States must use 44-cent postage on the envelope and overseas customers should use correct postage. Upon receipt of this envelope, the supplier will send you a confirmation letter with a newly minted, gold colored \$1 coin to defray the costs you incur for shipping these parts back to the supplier. Then, in approximately late August they will send you a newly designed spinner, free of charge.

If a consumer has any additional questions about the recall, the company's toll-free phone number is (800) 916-TOYS and they're open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT or visit the firm's web site at www.todayskids.com.

Today

Retirement

A formal retirement ceremony for Lt. Col. Lawrence R. Ellis, chief of EHF Command Post Terminals in the MILSATCOM Terminal Programs Office, is scheduled for today at 2 p.m. in the Officer's Club.

For further details contact Bill Leavis at 271-6034 or Capt. Spence Cocanour at 271-6152.

Saturday

Physical exams for children

If you have children attending summer camp, enrolling into summer or fall sports, or attending kindergarten this fall then the 66th Medical Group has a deal for you.

This summer, the 66th Medical Group will be sponsoring four weekend physical exam schedules to help meet your children's needs.

Continuing Saturday, July 29 and August 19, the Hanscom Clinic will offer physical exam appointments from 8 a.m. to noon for children four years and older.

If you are in TRICARE Prime and want to take advantage of this offer, then phone 377-7059 and push one to schedule your appointment.

Upcoming and Weeklies

MPF Customer Service Office closed

The Military Personnel Flight Customer Service Office will be closed from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. July 21 for training.

If you have any questions, call 377-2277.

Award Fee Process Management training sessions

The Acquisition Support Team will be sponsoring Award Fee Process Management training sessions July 24 at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the O'Neill Building Auditorium.

AWF is a tool for interactive award fee process management that improves program execution by enabling real-time evaluation feedback between the contractor and the program manager, allows automatic databasing, categorizing and scoring of comments.

AWF offers a secure environment, requiring password and user access definitions.

In addition, Contractor Performance Assessment Report comments can also be housed and maintained using AWF.

AWF could also be modified to encompass Award Term plans. Interest has been expressed in modifying this software to accommodate source selection and civilian appraisals.

If an organization is interested in these or other evaluation type applications, Anteon Corporation will work with them to understand its requirements and develop a delivery timeline.

The training sessions will be conducted by Anteon Corporation.

ESC-wide participation is encouraged.

Email Tyrone Frey at tyrone.frey@hanscom.af.mil to register.

Tax help offered

The tax section of the Retiree Activities Office remains open to assist tax payers who either filed for a delay, need to amend returns already filed or have received letters

from the IRS mandating a revision to the original return.

Assistance is by appointment only.

For information, call 377-2476.

Voting Assistance line established

A voting assistance line has been established at 377-VOTE (8683) to help potential voters get registered.

Anyone who has a question or problem can call the line and leave a message including their name and phone number. A voting counselor will call you back by the next business day.

Air War College Seminar

Registration has begun for the AWC Non-resident Studies Seminar Program.

The AWC Nonresident Studies Seminar Program is an ideal way to complete senior military education.

The program is open to active duty and reserve colonels, lieutenant colonels and lieutenant colonel selects of any component of the United States Armed Forces and civilian employees GS-13 or above.

The seminar will meet for approximately 10.5 months, two hours per week, from August 2000 through June 2001.

There will be a seminar orientation July 31 at 1:30 p.m. in Room B of the Hanscom Education Center.

To register for the seminar complete Maxwell AFB Form 53, located on their internet homepage at www.au.af.mil/au/awc/enrollppr.htm.

For information on the seminar, contact John Loughlin at 377-3511.

Air Command and Staff College Seminar

Registration has begun for the ACSC seminar program.

The seminar program will provide eligible candidates with a forum to complete this intermediate level professional military education course.

Majors and major selectees of all service components, and GS-11s and above are eligible.

The American Council on Education recommends up to 27 hours of graduate credit.

The seminar will meet for approximately 10.5 months, three hours per week, from August through June 2001.

During the seminar orientation, seminar members will determine the day and time the group will meet.

There will be a seminar orientation at the Education Center Aug. 7 at 2 p.m. in Room G.

To register for the seminar complete Maxwell AFB Form 117, available at the education center service desk, 377-3120.

For information contact, John Loughlin at 377-3511.

EC-47 Association reunion

The EC-47 Association is a group of former crewmembers of the EC-47 aircraft, both ground crew and aircrew.

The mission of the EC-47 was at the time, classified "top secret" and consisted of airborne radio direction finding and intelligence gathering beginning in South Vietnam in mid-1966 and extending to Thailand and ending May 15, 1974.

Missions were flown over South Viet-

nam, portions of North Vietnam and Laos.

The EC-47 Association reunion will be held at the Best Western Oak Hills in San Antonio, Texas, September 28, 29 and 30.

For information, contact J.C. Wheeler at (501) 754-3507, or email at jc@ec47.com.

Family services seeks chairperson

Family Services is currently recruiting for the position of Loan Closet and Attic Chairperson.

The chairperson will manage the Family Services Loan Closet and Attic.

This position will require approximately five hours a week of personal time.

The chairperson will be required to track paperwork and submit a monthly board report.

No previous experience is necessary, training and childcare are provided. The main qualification for this position is a sincere desire to contribute to the Hanscom community and the ability to work well with others.

This is an opportunity to meet new friends, add marketable skills to your resume and work in a caring environment while helping military families.

For information, or to arrange for an interview, call Barb Fullerton at 377-3436.

Twilight Golf League needs players

The league is seeking committed Hanscom golfers to join one of eight teams.

Teams play Tuesdays at Pine Meadows in Lexington. This season consists of 14 team matches and a singles tournament.

For information on the leagues or to join, contact Chuck Woods at 377-4922 or email

at Charles.Woods@hanscom.af.mil.

Family Services seeks volunteers

Are you looking for a rewarding experience that does not require a lot of time?

Would you like to work among adults for a few hours each week, while your preschoolers enjoy a few hours of interaction with others their own age?

Then consider volunteering at Family Services.

At Family Services, you can enjoy meeting and helping many new people and your children can interact with others at a certified on base Childcare facility, or provider.

For volunteering your time, Family Services will pay for your childcare.

For information, call the Family Services volunteer coordinator at 377-3436.

Volunteer welcomers needed

Family Services is looking for friendly people to help welcome new arrivals to Hanscom.

If you have two hours a week to spare, and a desire to help inform new arrivals about all that Hanscom and the surrounding area has to offer, call the Family Services volunteer coordinator at 377-3436.

Hazardous waste turn-in

Household hazardous waste turn-in is at Bldg. 1820, Dow Street, in the 66th Civil Engineer Squadron complex from 8 to 9 a.m. every Tuesday.

This turn-in is available for both on-base residents and base organizations.

For information contact Robert Spelfogel at 377-8207.

Colonial



Theater

Friday 7:30 p.m. -- CENTER STAGE - A tight-knit group of young dance students try to make a name for themselves and become stars in the fiercely competitive world of professional dance. While experiencing the normal joys and sorrows, loves and conflicts of youth, they strive to take their place center stage. PG-13 (for language and some sensuality) 113 min Starring: Amanda Schull, Zoe Saldana

Saturday 7:30 p.m. -- SMALL TIME CROOKS - Ray is an ex-con with big dreams. His wife, Frenchy, attempts to keep him grounded in reality. So when Ray comes to Frenchy with a half-baked plan to rob a bank, she's dead set against it. Soon their get rich quick scheme leaves them rolling in dough, but not the kind they had in mind. PG (for language) 95 min Starring: Woody Allen, Tracey Ullman

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Schedule is subject to change without notice. Call 3-7940 for movie information.



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What's Happening

Outdoor Recreation

Planning a party? Outdoor Recreation has tables, chairs, canopies, grills, camping equipment, propane refills and more.

A free, self-study boating exam is also available.

Remember, potential boat renters must present a Boater's Safety Certification card prior to renting boating equipment.

Massachusetts hunting and fishing licenses are also available.

Mountain bike rentals are \$6 per day or \$12 for the weekend.

Outdoor Recreation has everything you need for the great outdoors.

Hanscom Lanes

Join us for glow in the dark bowling Saturday, July 21 or 29 at 7 p.m. for some family fun.

Or have lunch and bowl Wednesday and July 26.

Cost is \$6 per person.

Open bowling special, Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. is \$.75 per game.

Base pool

Coming July 22, "Pirates of the Caribbean."

Find yourself shipwrecked at the Hanscom pool for dinner and dancing with some of the Caribbean's most notorious bandits.

Reservations are required and open to adults ages 18 and over.

Call the pool at 377-2455.

Patriot Enlisted Club

Join us for an all-nighter event tonight beginning at 4 p.m. for the "Battle of the DJs."

Arrive before 9 p.m. and it's free.

After 9 p.m., non-members will be charged.

This event is free to all club and Preferred Plus! members with club card.

Draft beer special from 4 to 9 p.m.

Steak night is every Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Fitness and Sports Center

Sixteen new Schwinn Spinning bikes have been added plus a new cycling program for the aerobic schedule.

The instructors will take you through a great "bike trip exercise" workout.

Arrive 15 minutes early to pick up a bike number at the front desk.

Call 377-3639 for details and times on this new aerobic routine.

Mini-Golf Special

Every Wednesday Youth Center members pay only half price with a Youth Center ID card.

Sundays is family day, half price for the whole family! We are now open Wednesday through Saturday, from noon to 10 p.m. and Sundays, noon to 6 p.m.

Nichols holds base clubs' responsibilities

by J.C. Corcoran
Services Marketing

His duties and responsibilities read like that of five people.

Responsible for the economic and efficient operation of Officer and Enlisted Clubs, he supervises 75 people, is accountable for over \$9 million in facilities and assets, formulates procedures and programs, establishes, reviews and evaluates menu planning as well as supplies, equipment and resale items, plans and executes annual budget, Capital Expenditure Budget and Long Range Capital Improvement Plan, manages real property resources, coordinates with senior military and civilian leadership as well as local, state and federal officials before on-base functions, and the list goes on.

He is Jim Nichols, club manager, and in addition to everything else, his job also includes the challenge of trying to ensure that you, as a member of either the Officer or the Enlisted Club, are happy.

"It isn't always easy, and frustration comes into play a little more often than one would like, however, the challenges never end and that's what makes it interesting," said Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Nichols was a proud member of the United States Marine Corps and he's been a member of the Services family for the past three years having served previously as the restaurant manager and later as the chief of Services, Newark AFB, Ohio.

The base has provided due recognition to Mr. Nichols for his accomplishments and hard work at Hanscom.

He was nominated and selected as the Category III Civilian of the Year.

Like most good managers, Mr. Nichols credits his success and the success of the clubs to his staff.

According to Mr. Nichols, "No one person can do everything alone. I've been very fortunate to have a professional staff that not only cares about their customers, but continues to seek ways that we can improve our service on a daily basis. Our catering staff, book keepers, administrative staff, cooks, waiters, waitresses, bartenders and maintenance folks all have one goal in mind, to provide the best service possible day in and day out.

"Since taking over the reigns at Hanscom, my goal has been to make the clubs the meeting place of choice in the area," said Mr. Nichols.

If the proof is in the pudding, then Mr.



Jim Nichols

Nichols and his staff are well on their way to doing just that.

In one year alone both clubs have combined to accommodate over 1,100 functions, serving over 430,000 people.

From short notice functions arranged for the President of the United States to a small party for 25, Mr. Nichols and his staff continue to be the best, serving the best.

5K Fun Run/Walk July 27 9 a.m. start Fitness Center

Registration cost is \$3 and includes a fitness drink.

Pay \$10 and receive a T-shirt and a fitness drink.
Traveling trophy awarded to the squadron with the most participants and for the fastest five-person team.

Car Wash closed

The Car Wash is scheduled to close from Saturday through July 21 to repaint the manual wash bay.

This is necessary to insure the walls of the manual wash bay properly dry and the new paint has time to adhere to the cinder blocks.

The Car Wash will be fully operational on July 22.



Trips

Martha's Vineyard, July 22

West Point, July 26

Summer in the City

New York City, Aug. 5 and 6

Amusement Parks

Six Flags, Water Country,

Roger Williams Zoo,

Hershey Park, Sesame Place,

York's Wild Animal Kingdom and

Funtown USA

Disney tickets and museum and movie passes are also available.

Call 377-3262

Help Wanted!

Leisure Travel Agent

Part-time 25 hours a week

Experience in air, cruise and tours preferred

E.O.E.

Fax resume to 274-6048

Attention: Hal Williamson

Champagne Sunday Brunch

at the Officers' Club

July 30

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Preferred Plus! members receive a 10 percent discount.

BINGO every Wednesday night at the Patriot Enlisted Club during July.

Open to all ranks. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start at 6:30 p.m., 18 games in all.



Are you saving 10% yet?

If you're a Preferred Plus! member don't forget to fill out an entry form for the monthly drawing.

July's prize is a \$300 gift certificate to the Pheasant Lane Mall in Nashua, N.H.

Entry forms are printed in the Services' monthly newsletter, Spotlights.

For more information call Services Marketing at 377-9681.

Fitness enhancement

❑ **Enhancing food flavor with herbs and spices** (video) will be shown at the HAWC Wednesday at noon.

Tired of BBQ chicken? Need new and innovative ideas to spice up your meals without using salt?

This video offers great new ways to incorporate herbs and spices into everyday cooking and maximize the flavor of food.

There is a world of food tastes to be discovered.

Join us to find out how. Registration not required.

❑ **Partners in care** will be held at the Hanscom Clinic Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Thursday 10 to 11 a.m.

Call 377-6560 to register.

❑ **Zyban-tobacco cessation** will be held at the Hanscom Clinic Thursday from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Preregister for screening and education for prescription of this non-nicotine, tobacco cessation medication.

To register call 377-6560.

For any questions concerning the medication, contact Colleen Miller at the Nurses Station at 377-7059.

❑ **Cholesterol screening** will be held at the HAWC Friday from 8 to 10 a.m.

Call 377-6560 for an appointment.

❑ **Fitness 101** will be held at the HAWC Friday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Have you been thinking about starting an exercise program but just can't seem to get it in gear?

This class will help you find the basic information you need to get started.

Topics include choosing the right activity for you; finding the right kind of shoes for that activity; aerobic exercise prescription principles; flexibility and weight training fundamentals; fitting fitness into a busy schedule; and injury prevention and management.

Call 377-6560 to register.

Relationships

❑ **The single life** will be held at the Family Support Center Monday from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

A look at the challenges and opportunities of being single, including ideas on balancing career and personal life, establishing social relationships, and setting and achieving short and long term goals to help you get the most out of your personal life.

Presented by Harvard psychologist Anne DeBoalt.

Call 377-4222 to register.

Work and life

❑ **Lunch and Learn** with us at the Health and Wellness Center. Bring along a sack lunch and learn about subjects you always wanted to know more about. Don't have time? Remember we offer an array of videos, books and cassettes for you to sign out. You can check out information on exercise, nutrition, parenting, stress management and more. Stop by and check us out.

❑ **Prepared childbirth class** will be held at the Hanscom Clinic Monday and Thursday 6 to 8 p.m.

For TRICARE patients in their third trimester of pregnancy, fathers and coaches.

Covers stages of labor, coaching, breathing techniques, medications for pain, cesarean birth and postpartum adjustment.

Registration is required.

Call 377-6560 to enroll.

❑ **Newcomers' "T" Adventure** will be held at the Family Support Center Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Newcomers are invited to a fun, informational seminar to find out what is going on at Hanscom and in Boston.

Afterward, ride into Boston with us using the "T."

All you need is an adventurous spirit and \$4 for bus and subway fares.

You can bring or purchase lunch downtown.

This program is part of the community orientation for inprocessing; newly arrived service members do not have to take leave to attend.

Call 377-4222 to register.

❑ **Sponsor training** will be held at the Family Support Center Wednesday from 2 to 3 p.m.

Learn what to expect, what is expected from you, and what base resources you can use to ensure our incoming service personnel and families have a smooth move to Hanscom.

A prerequisite for all sponsors.

Call for an individual appointment if you cannot make the scheduled class.

Call 377-4222 to register.

❑ **Change management** will be held at the Family Support Center Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Rich Catrambone will discuss how to effectively manage job and life changes, techniques for coping with and thriving through change, and how we can ultimately turn change into opportunity and take back control of our lives.

Call 377-4222 to register.

❑ **Inbound relocation seminar** (families welcome) will be held at the Family Support Center Friday from 9 to 10 a.m.

Welcome new Team Hanscom members. Receive your official introduction to Hanscom's settling in services for new arrivals: local community information, spouse employment, volunteer opportunities, home finding and budgeting.

Call 377-4222 to register.

Education Center, Bldg. 1728, 377-2021

❑ The Education Office testing policy requires students to arrive on time for scheduled test sessions.

It is the student's responsibility to report on time and our responsibility to ensure the students in the room are not disturbed by interruptions.

Late arrivals will not be allowed to enter the test room. All students taking exams should arrive at least 15 minutes before test time. Doors will close at 8 a.m. for the morning session and again at 12:30 p.m. for the afternoon session.

All exams start at 8 a.m., individuals should arrive by 7:45 a.m.

For information or to schedule exams, call Education Services at 377-3120.

Thrift Shop, 274-8079

❑ The shop will not be open for the month of July.

To schedule PCS move consignments, call 274-9922.

The Minuteman Thrift Shop is currently accepting spring-weight clothing for consignment. The shop is no longer accepting winter wear.

Civil Engineering

❑ The base recycling program contractor will pick up hamper bins or carts Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bins must be consolidated in one location. The building manager must call the recycling office at 377-4272. Leave the building number and location of the carts on the message.

Deadlines are Tuesdays at noon. Messages left after noon Tuesdays will be sent to the contractor for pickup the next week.

Air Force Sergeants Association

❑ The Air Force Sergeants' Association, with over 150,000 members, is undoubtedly the recognized "Voice of the Enlisted" on Capitol Hill.

Just recently, AFSA has worked to restore the 50 percent retirement system for those under the REDUX plan, increase pay and allowances for enlisted members, protect cost-of living adjustments and improve education and TRICARE benefits.

Even if you can't be actively involved, you should still be a member and support AFSA's goals, which is to better our pay and benefits.

Chapter 161 also promotes camaraderie and welfare of the enlisted on Hanscom through sponsoring enlisted awards and various events.

You are encouraged to come on out and join us at our monthly meetings every fourth Thursday at 11:30 a.m. to 1

p.m. in the Community Center.

For questions, email karl.vanbiene@hanscom.af.mil.

Patriot Enlisted Association

❑ The PEA is an open forum for technical sergeant's and below to discuss ideas and issues as peers. We foster teamwork, camaraderie for each other and the Hanscom community so we can make the difference happen. As a body of peers we can put a voice to housing, community involvement, and Quality of Life issues to the ESC command chief master sergeant.

For information contact Staff Sgt. Chris Kanski at 377-4923 or e-mail Chris.Kanski@hanscom.af.mil.

Patriot Senior NCO Association

❑ The association is a professional membership association for senior noncommissioned officers, active duty and retired.

The group actively supports the men and women of Hanscom and the surrounding communities. The Top Three also serves as a base network for problem solving and encourages comradeship.

Meetings are held the last Tuesday of every month at the Enlisted Club.

For information call Master Sgt. Darryl Lindgens, 377-3459.

Company Grade Officers' Council

❑ The Company Grade Officers' Council is made up of all lieutenants and captains in the Air Force. You need not do anything to become a member - you are one by default. How much you participate in this organization is up to you.

The Hanscom CGOC is a place to meet other junior officers outside of the workplace and participate in a dynamic organization.

The CGOC tries to get involved in a wide variety of activities from community service and social gatherings to professional military development. So, if you're interested in any of this, come to one of the meetings.

For information, contact the CGOC Executive Board: 2nd Lt. Jeremy Miller, president, 377-1668; 2nd Lt. Malcolm Mangels, vice president, 377-8384; - 2nd Lt. Sarah Kreps, executive officer 377-6933; 2nd Lt. Liane Witt, assistant executive officer, 377-4704 and 2nd Lt. Kyle Oyama, treasurer, 271-1186 Ext. 8391.

Chapel, Bldg. 1603, 3-3538

❑ **Catholic Masses:** Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 7:30 and 11 a.m. and weekdays at 12:05 p.m.

❑ **Protestant worship:** general Protestant Service — Sundays at 9 a.m.; Gospel Service — Sundays at 12:30 p.m.

❑ **Jewish services:** the first and third Friday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

❑ **Eastern Orthodox:** for information contact Tech. Sgt. James M. Boubonis at 274-8714.

❑ **For information** on Chapel services, call 3-3538 or 3-3539.

People's Corner

66th Logistics Squadron

Congratulations to the newest promotion selectees — **Tech. Sgt. Jerome Agnew, Staff Sgt. Charles Tobey and Staff Sgt. Thomas Wheeler.**

Happy Birthday wishes go out to **Stanley Szlanfucht, Don Flaherty, Jim Peloquin and Anna Williams-Lavoie.**